

Overview of EU rail reform (,railway packages') and Swiss rail reform

	Key points	Implementation in Switzerland
Directive 91/440/EEC (1991)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Railways to become independent operators - Organisational separation of transport services and infrastructure with separate accounts - Greater competition on the railway network, especially in freight traffic 	Implemented in step 1 (1999)
First EU Railway Package (2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-discriminatory access to railway network - Further liberalisation of freight traffic - Independent train-route allocation body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Largely implemented in step 2.2 of the railway reform and in the legislation package on organising the railway infrastructure (OBI)
Second EU Railway Package (2004)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harmonisation of safety measures and interoperability - Complete liberalisation of freight traffic - European Railway Agency (ERA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implemented in step 2.2 of the railway reform - No plans for implementation - Ongoing negotiation of Swiss ERA membership
Third EU Railway Package (2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liberalisation of international passenger transport - Passenger rights - Certification of train crews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation under review - Implementation in 2021 - Implemented
Recast of the First Railway Package (2012)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of a regulatory body - Rules on train path charges - Liberalisation of international passenger transport according to the third EU railway package - Complete liberalisation of freight traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implemented - Implemented - Implementation under review - No plans for implementation
Fourth EU Railway Package (2016)	<p><u>Market pillar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete liberalisation of national passenger transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No plans for implementation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Separation of traffic and infrastructure, including the question of a single holding company <p><u>Technical pillar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expand the responsibilities of ERA, ensure interoperability and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review pending <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gradual implementation under way
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